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borne City Hall. This issue of the Inport News features a special eight-page newslet-ter written by city staff for the resi-dents of Port Colborne. It includes the latest on the upcoming Olympic torch festivities, the Old Humberstone Main St. improvement plan, public notices. Christmas schedules and much more.

Check out the centre spread!

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FIRE: Weather hindered efforts to save local landmark as it burns to the ground

# Reeb House destroyed

PORT COLBRONE - A landmark that has

stood more than 130 years burned to the ground early morning on Friday Dec. 11. Firefighters arrived to the White Rd. call at about 4:20 a.m. Friday to find smoke billowing out of The Reeb House Tavern.

The building is totally destroyed," Port Colborne fire Chief Tom Cartwright reported late Friday morning after a back hoe was brought in to level the burned-out structure. Cartwright said frigid weather and high winds hindered efforts to save the building.

The chief said the historic building had seen several renovations and lacked any fire stops. He said flames travelled through the building quickly. Once the fire got outside, the wind fanned the flames. At that point, "We

were done," Cartwright said.

During the call, Port Colborne Fire and Emergency Services called in water tankers from Fort Érie and Wainfleet. Cartwright said about 25 Port Colborne firefighters fought the blaze

Police closed a section Hwy, 3 during the fire and it remained closed a good portion of Friday. It took firefighters 12 hours to completely extinguish the fire.



HARRY ROSSETANI For InPort News Port Colborne's historic Reeb House went up in flames last Friday morning. The blaze completely

See FIRE | Page 2 demolished the old building and caused about \$400,000 in damages.



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**WELLNESS CENTRE:** Plans include NHL-sized hockey rinks, six-lane lap pool; design to meet LEED standards

# City unveils plans for multi-million dollar centre

#### KAESHA FORAND InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE - Residents got a look at the city's future fitness and sports hub. A public information session was held last Wednesday night in council chambers where residents had the opportunity to interact with project managers, architects and city staff. The residents had a chance to view conceptual designs of the multi-million

The information session drew more than 50 hockey parents and tournament organizers, concerned citizens and those who wanted to see designs for the project slated to be built on the Thomas A. Lannan Sports Park on Elizabeth St.

dollar project.

Although a final design has not yet been decided, it's poised to feature two NHL-sized hockey rinks measuring about 60 metres by 26 metres. One rink would have seating for 200, the other could seat 1,000 spectators and each rink will have six change rooms A field house could permit basketball, volleyball, training, meetings and banquets.

Eight outdoor bocce courts are also in the plans, with an area for the club to meet. A six-lane lap pool and a leisure pool with

ramp entry is also proposed with a male, female and family change room The pool is welcome news to resident John Ballin, His wife coaches Special Olympians and is forced to commute to the Brock Uni-

versity pool for athletes to practice and compete because the city's Centennial Pool isn't long enough. "It's expensive but you have to do it right," he said. "I wonder if people in the city will have to pay taxes? I'm willing to pay for a

He said with the new facility, Port Olympi-



KAESHA FORAND Staff Photo

Robert Allen, left, an architect with MJMA explains the proposed pool for the city's Health and Wellness Centre to Port Colborne resident John Ballin during a recent public information session.

meets in their hometown MJMA architect Robert Allen said the design of the centre was based on input from

the design committee, in addition to other He said a large flaw with other facilities it

the lack of a central space. "Facilities didn't really have a heart. This has a lobby you can sit in and look into the rinks and the pool. It's a social hub and you could have a fireplace or a snack bar." Utilizing natural light was also important.

The facility faces north and would allow light into the pool and arenas. The lobby is north facing with constant

graduated light." He said limestone from local quarries

could be utilized on the outdoor facade. Project manager Les Camm of MHPM said feedback from residents was positive with

ans would have the opportunity to host great interest in the pools and arenas. A number of energy and water conservation initiatives will be implemented to ensure the project is not only cost efficient, but it will also be designed to meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards.

"The design is sustainable, very efficient in operations, healthier and greener. For residents like Tony Di Carmine, eliminating the city's three aging facilities is needed. He said while recently swimming

noticed the facilities crumbling. The facilities "are all beat down, we're at the point where yes we do have to do something," be said. "These are things that have to

Details and updates on the project are available at http://www.portcolborne.ca/ page/Health\_and\_Wellness\_Centre. FIRE

# Local landmark stood 130 years

Cartwright said no one was injured and owner John Zarb was alerted to the fire when his smoke alarm rang. He managed to escape the upper apartment and went to a neighbour's home to alert police.

"He was pretty devastated from what I saw," Cartwright said of Zarb. Cartwright said the cause of the fire is unknown and will most likely remain unknown because of the extent of the approximately \$400,000

"At this point, we're not sure what was inside the building."

As for the weather, "Cold doesn't mix well with water," Cartwright said. "It didn't take long for things to ice

The municipality assisted by bringing in sand to spread around the area that firefighters were working. Local historian Don Anger said the well-known tavern was at least 130

years old but was not a designated heritage site. "It is listed in the Page's Historical Atlas of 1876," Anger said. "Another old, historical landmark is

and skating with his four-year-old son, he's

By Monday, an R.I.P Reeb House page was created on Facebook and more than 1,500 people joined the group, offering their condolences, sharing memories and posting pictures from events such as Sportsfest snow volleyball, parties and band performances

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# **An afternoon at Portal Village**

Students from St. Patrick Elementary School spent an afternoon with seniors at Portal Village last week. They painted snowman ornaments and sang Christmas carols. - Kaesha Forand, Staff Photos



Students and seniors wrap up their ornaments.

Students Jacob Broughton, Isabella Favero, Brian Last and Connor Krahn display their final product.



Hannah Peyton puts a nose on her snowman



The day is ended with Christmas carols in the lounge.

# **INPORTANEWS**

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## ourview

# Council needs to keep its promises for health and wellness centre

It's expensive. It's probably the biggest project the city will under-

take for the next few decades. It's the Port Colborne Health and Wellness Centre. It's a project that has been years in the making and is

finally coming to life. Last week, members of the public had the opportunity to speak with the project manager, architects, program-

mers and city staff about the project. It drew concerned hockey parents, seniors looking to take advantage of a therapeutic pool, young families anx-

and those who were curious about the project.

With a price tag of more than \$30 million, residents are adamant they don't want their taxes to increase.

And who can blame them in these times It's not unrealistic to believe some of the costs will be borne by the taxpayer. We're not talking about millions of dollars — some operating expenses and maybe a few bun-dred thousand dollars for the next few years would be rea-

However, council vowed it wouldn't cost taxpavers anything to build and it's important to keep to those promises. So that means concessions have to be made. Fancy addi-

tions like the walking track should be removed to keep Maybe the field house meant to accommodate volley-

ball, basketball and functions can be temporarily removed. After having promised two pools and two arenas, it would be foolish to eliminate one of those aspects to save There's no denying the need for new facilities. If you talk

with city staff who are in and out of the Westside Arena. Teeder Kennedy Youth Arena and the Centennial Pool, they will tell you there are a number of issues with the facilities. They're not all up to code and it would cost millions to refurbish them

But what good would that do? Give them a temporary facelift? Then 10 years down the road we'll be in the same

We have hydro funds, we have millions in grant money, we have companies fundraising \$3.5 million and we have

We bave hockey players, swimmers, Special Olympians and there's no doubt a new facility would be well used.

AUXILLARY'S 'SPOONFUL OF SUGAR' TO BENEFIT HOSPITAL



KAESHA FORAND Supplied Photo

The Port Colborne General Hospital auxiliary held a bake sale in the lobby of the hospital last Thursday, Cakes, cookies, squares and tarts were sold to help purchase new equipment for the hospital. Auxiliary volunteers include Sharon Leavere, Margie Hammond, Jo Clemits and Bervl Smallbone.

## ■readers'views

# Thanks for downtown support

On Saturday Dec. 6, Santa arrived to kick off the Christmas season "Port Colborne style" by sailing up the canal on a tug boat. What a unique way to celebrate the season in our own

downtown on the canal This signature downtown Port Colborne event would not be possible without the assistance of some very generous members of the community.

Our gratitude to: Craig Workman of Cooper Marine for the tug boat transportation, the McKay School choir for their enthusiastic singing. Ten Thousand Villages for providing fair trade hot chocolate, Arlie's Florists and Gifts for the loan of their sign, The Nutty Chocolatier, Dollar Planet, Meridian

Credit Union, Business Express, The British Baking Company, and Davies on Clarence for generously donating items for the goodie bags. A very special thank you to Precious LaPlante for the stunning photographs of chil-dren with Santa, Boggio Pharmacy for providing same day photo finishing and, of course, Santa for taking time out of his busy schedule to join us (he

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WORLD ISSUES

# The West African curse



There have been political horrors in other parts of Africa, like the genocidal former regime in Rwanda, the current regime in Zimbabwe, or any Congolese regime you care to name. But the worst regimes in Africa seem to arise along the stretch of tropical coastline between Ghana and Senegal.

Sierra Leone, Liberia and Ivory Coast have all lived through nightmarish civil wars after long-ruling dictators died or were killed and junior officers seized power. Gambia has been ruled for the past 15 years by a former army lieutenant who now imports witch doctors from Guinea to hunt down the witches who he believes are trying to kill him. And now Guinea has fallen into the hands of the junior officers.

It's the classic pattern. For 50 years after independence, from 1958 to 2008, Guinea was ruled by just two big men: Sekou Toure for 26 years and then Lansana Conte for another 24. They and their cronies stole all the money, of course, while more than 90% of the mineral-rich country's 10 million people continued to live on less than a dollar a day. But at least they lived in a relatively safe and orderly poverty.

Then Lansana Conte died late last year — and within hours a group of young officers broke into the main television station to announce that they were taking over the country. Their leader was an army captain called Moussa "Dadis" Camara, who promised to hold free and fair elections by 2010. He also promised that he would not run for the presidency himself.

Sensible promises, because before 2008 nobody except his own family and his junior officer friends had ever heard of Dadis (as he calls himself). He has no experience or qualifications relevant to running a government. But a presidential palace is a nicer place to live in than a barracks, and the pay and perks are much better too. The experience kind of grows on you, and eventually you ask yourself: why

If a general had taken power after Lansana Conte's death, he might have kept a promise to band power over to a democratically elected civilian president, for generals already have com-fortable houses, limos and lots of stolen money.

See GWYNNE DYER | Page

# West African troubles run deep

However, generals usually don't have direct command of troops.

That's why it's so often the junior officers who seize power in Africa: they have the troops, and they are not much constrained by traditional ideas of military discipline. They seize power because it's the only way to change their own lives for the better - and they generally start to guarrel among themselves after a while, because they have already broken all the tradi-

tional bonds of hierarchy and discipline. Guinea bas now moved on to the next stage of the process. Dadis began talking about running for president himself last August.

"I have been taken hostage by the people, a part of the people, with some saving that President Dadis cannot be a candidate and others saving President Dadis has to be a candidate," he told Radio France Internationale in an interview. In a burst of frankness, be added that if he did not stand for election, another military offi-

cer would take over the country. At that stage, Dadis probably still had the backing of the other young officers. They were doing very nicely too. Why would they complain so long as the supply of girls, drink and drugs kept flowing? But then the civilians got involved.

Various political groups that had opposed Lansana Conte for years now saw democracy being stolen from them again. They beld a rally in Conakry's sports stadium in late September to protest against Dadis's presidential plans. Lieutenant Abubakar "Toumba" Diakite, another member of the military junta and the head of the presidential

guard, was sent to deal with them. He did so by massacring them. His soldiers slaughtered 157 people and raped dozens of women inside the stadium. Twenty women were kidnapped and videotaped for several days while they were being raped and tortured. It is possible that Toumba exceeded his instructions. The reaction certainly

exceeded his expectations The junta denied it all, but the evidence was overwhelming. The African Union, the United States, the European Union, and the West African economic group Ecowas all imposed sanctions on the junta, with Ecowas president Mohamed Ibn Chambas saying bluntly that Guinea's military rulers were using state power "to repress the population ... If the military junta has its way it will impose yet

another dictatorship on them" The United Nations sent a mission to investigate the massacre, raising the possibility that the International Criminal Court might bring charges against junta members for crimes against humanity. So Dadis apparently concluded that it was time to throw Toumba to the

On Dec. 4, Dadis went to the barracks where Toumba's troops are based in Conakry. It was not a wise move, because Toumba shot him in the head and went on the run. Dadis was flown to Morocco for emergency surgery, and the remaining junta members chose "General" Sek-

ouba Konate to act as front man in his absence. If things run true to form, the final step in this tragedy will be for Toumba to start an insurgency in the interior, plunging the country into a long and horrible civil war of the kind that has ruined several of its neighbours.

This part of Africa seems cursed. Gwynne Dyer's latest book, Climate Wars, was published recently in Canada by Random House and Vintage.



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Is your New Year's Resolution to quit smoking?

et's be honest. It takes a lot of willpower to guit a Smoke-Free Canada estimate that every year noking but here are some scary facts to think second-hand smoke kills from 1100 - 7800 Cana about the next time you light up. According to the dians. Canadian Lung Association, tobacco kills about 5,000 Canadians a year. That's more than the total number of deaths from car accidents, suicide, murder, fires, AIDS and accidental poisonings combined. nother sobering thought is fact that there are over 4,000 dangerous chemicals in cigarettes, cigars vdrogen cyanide, lead, formaldehyde, butane etc.

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# **Sketching her way into Beatles history**

#### KAESHA FORAND InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE - Art has been a pas time for Vanessa Hurst, in addition to a small income

She's been sketching, painting and sculpting for as long as she can remember. She was never much of a Beatles fan either, until about two years ago. Something was bugging her to draw members of

the famous group. She drew them and used ber sketch of John Lennon as her profile picture on Facebook. After the picture was posted she received a number of friend requests and got the attention of Judith Furedi more

than a year ago. Furedi was in the process of putting together her second book on Lennon entitled John Lennon: In Their Own Write - A

Loving Tribute From His Friends and Fans. The book contains poems written by Furedi, photos of Lennon, fan contribu-tions and she wanted to use Hurst's sketch.

"Nobody has ever done a book like this before," Hurst said of the interactive book which features blank pages for readers to draw their own sketches or write their own

Her black and white pencil sketch of Lennon appears beside a poem written by his former girlfriend May Pang.

"It's absolutely fabulous or 'fab' as the Beatles would say. To be able to be published in a book is one thing. Beside May

Pang is another For someone who has only been a Beales fan for about two years, she's had quite the correspondence with members. Hurst has communicated with Yoko Ono three times and received written responses.

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It's absolutely fabulous or 'fab' as the Beatles would say. To be able to be published in a book is one thing. Beside May Pang is another

Vanessa Hurst, artist

including 250 Imagine Peace buttons Hurst gives away during her Beatles-inspired art essons. She also sent Ringo Star a sketch of Lennon and he replied with an autographed photo. The photo adorns her living room, with sketches of the fab four. Much research went into the Lennon

sketch. For about two weeks she browsed photos online until she sketched the amous singer in his Let It Be era with his famous round spectacles and spent about three days creating the portrait. "There are no highlights in his eyes and

that gives a stare and I like his big mane of hair Recently, the world marked the 29th

anniversary of his shooting outside his apartment building on Dec. 8, 1980. Hurst spent the weekend in New York City with Furedi where the author and Sid Bernstein, the man who brought the Beatles to America to Shae Stadium autographed copies of the book. She said of Bernstein: "It was interesting to be able to talk to someone who knew the Beatles that closely."

The artist's 15 minutes of fame aren't up vet. Bernstein invited her to return to New York with sketches of the fab four. Hurst is also working on another project for another Lennon book.

'I don't know how this came about, but it's been a lot of fun. For now, Hurst will continue to teach peace art around the region, where classes revolve around the Beatles with their music, meditation, dance and drawing. Her

KAFSHA FORAND Staff Photo

Vanessa Hurst displays her sketch, beside a poem written by May Pang featured in the book John Lennon: In Their Own Write — A Loving Tribute From His Friends and Fans. The Port Colborne artist's sketch was discovered on Facebook by the book's author Judith Furedi. The original sketch hangs to the right

participants receive Imagine Peace buttons

The book is available at www.deariohnennon.com and Hurst's art can be seen by clicking on the featured artist at www. imagingondemand.ca.

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#### TWO NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS DISPLAYS TO LIGHT UP PORT SKY

PORT COLBORNE - Fireworks will once again illuminate Port Colborne skies on New Year's Eve - not once, but twice

New to this year's celebrations will be a firework show at 6 p.m., provided free of charge by RedBoss Pyrotechnicians at the Westside Arena.

At midnight, another firework show will illuminate the sky over the canal at West St The 5th annual Casco Kids Carnival will once again be held at the Westside Arena from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Free skating will be held from 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., a mad sci-

ence show will take place from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Throughout the afternoon, children will have the opportunity to take part in tableton games, cookle deco rating, face painting, crafts and recharge their batteries at the fructose stand. A countdown for kids will take place at 6 p.m. when fireworks will go off. At night, res-

taurants, businesses and bars along West St. will hold their own activities, special dinners and live music. West St. from Clarence St. to the city's works yard will be closed for the festivities.

Families and the community are a great way to kick off the new year," said mayor Vance Badawey.

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HOSPITAL FOUNDATION HOSTS ITS ANNUAL DINNER AND DRAW

The Port Colborne Hospital Foundation is holding its 13th annual elimination dinner and draw.
The event on Friday, Feb. 12 is being held at the Italian Hall. For \$60, supporters receive a traditional Italian dinner and a \$25 ticket for the draw. Top prize is \$2,000. and a \$50 prize will be awarded to each 25th ticket drawn. The symposium and bar opening will be at 6 p.m., dinner is at 6:30 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Port Colne General Hospital site. Call 905-834-4501 ext. 32126 or visit the hospital foundation office for tickets

- InPort News Staff

## EXHIBIT: New show at Arts Place runs until Jan. 10



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# High Blood Pressure

There is some confusion when it comes to high blood pressure. Patients are unsure how high, is too high, and what medications they should be on to treat their high blood pressure.

Your blood pressure consists of two readings. The first number is called the systolic blood pressure. This refers to the pressure in your blood vessels when your heart muscle contracts. The second number is called the diastolic number and refers to the pressure in your vessels when the heart musde relaxes. If your blood pressure is too high the blood is putting too much force on your arteries as it travels through your body. This high pressure damages the vessels, and can actually cause them to burst leading to a heart attack or stroke. For normal patients with no underlying conditions it is recommended that the systolic number be less then 140, and the diastolic be less than 90. Patents with diabetes or chronic kidney disease should aim for a pressure of less than 130/80.

Achieving optimal pressure can be a challenge for many people. Ideally weight loss and regular exercise are the best first steps to lowering your pressure. Avoiding alcohol caffeine and excessive salt intake can also help. Most of the time patients need to take medication to ensure optimal control.

There are several commonly used medications to help control blood pressure. Many patients need to be on more than one to achieve their target pressure. It is safe and often necessary to be on two or three blood pressure medications. In general patients are on medications from different classes, they all work in different ways. The idea is to attack the problem from different angles to achieve the end result. Some medications work on the kidneys and help to remove excess fluid. Others, work on your heart to slow it down, and still others work on your blood vessels making them less rigid allowing blood to flow through them more easily. Your physician must decide which medication is best for you but in general there are guidelines they can follow in selecting appropriate agents. Patients with diabetes for example should be on a medication called an ace inhibitor, which helps lower blood pressure and is also beneficial for the kidneys. Patients who have had a beart attack are often on a beta blocker which is beneficial for the beart

Most blood pressure medications are well tolerated by patients with few side effects. However, if you are experiencing a problem with your medication it is worthwhile to talk to your physician as there are several options to choose from.

Fifty percent of Canadians over 65 years old have high blood pressure. Untreated high blood pressure is a major risk factor for heart attack and stroke. It is important to have your blood pressure monitored. One of the best ways to do this is to have a home blood pressure monitor. Blood pressure readings from home improve blood pressure control. Often when patients visit their physician their pressure is falsely elevated due to nerves and emotions. Sometimes the opposite effect happens and their pressure is lower in the office. Patients who engage in taking their pressure at home are more involved in managing their own care and this leads to better outcomes for these patients

ome monitoring seems to be the best and easiest way to identify and control high blood pressure. Please come in and talk to one of our home health care team members about a home monitoring machine.

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■ SALUTE YOUR SCHOOLS: Radio station honours local students at DeWitt Carter with lunch and free skating



Over 25 Years Experience



KAESHA FORAND Staff Photos Pictured far left: Natalie Dube's kindergarten class received a special visit from 105.7 EZ Rock last Thursday, Chase Kish e-mailed the station and told them why they should bring lunch to the school. Students and parents received a submarine lunch through the station's weekly Salute Your School contest and will also have a free rink rental at Rink on the Brink in Niagara Falls, Lori Love of EZ Rock served lunch to Kish.

> Pictured immediate left: Chilly Dog. the mascot for Rink on the Brink mingles with stu-





#### SCHOOL: Students take a stand against bullying



SPORTS: Success spikes for DeWitt Carter team



KAESHA EODAND Staff Photo The DeWitt Carter girls volleyball team were the intermediate girls tournament champions and also captured the DSBN elementary inter-school champions. The team includes from front left Shianne Stephens and Hayley Farbycuk; middle row from left Chelsey Noxel, Serena Methol and Kelsey Grondin and from back left are coach Sue Donofrio, Hailey Tippett, Kaylah Moeh ling, Kelsi Wikston, Rachel Roy and Jazmin Kikkert Labau. The team also included Kendra Wilson and coach Kim Kikkert. They entered their games as the underdogs and dedicated their victories to former coach Shannon

Bartolini who was killed in a car accident last

Str dents are taking a stand against bullying. During the recent Take a Stand F

Students are taking a stand against bullying. During the recent Take a Stand Program, students at DeWitt Carter Elementary School (picture) and McKolg Elementary School had visits from Port Colborne High School students. The program focuses on empoting and teaches students different velay to take a stand against bulying by providing a half-day program where peers empowered peers. Here, students with the providing and the design students and the first peers to fill the why the students and bull-less by standards and their feelings.

# WINTER REGISTRATION IS UNDER-WAY AT NIAGARA COLLEGE

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SMART METERS COMING IN 2010 PORT COLBORNE - Smart meters are coming to Port Colborne. Canadian Niagara Power is preparing to

launch a citywide replacement program to help residents manage their energy costs and each home in Port Colborne is expected to have a new meter by March 2010. Installation will begin soon and the new smart meters measure how much electricity is used and electricity rates will be charged based on time of use. Time of use billing will be implemented in the spring of

Electricity used during peak periods will

be more expensive than lower rate periods According to Bill Daley, president and CEO of CNP, "Once smart meters and time of use rates are fully implemented in the spring of 2011, this will enable our customers to monitor their electricity usage on an

hourly basis, which should provide more incentive to conserve energy during periods of peak demand Residents with outdoor meters will not have to be at home when the meter is replaced. Hydro will be temporarily inter-

rupted and homeowners will receive an information package. Homeowners with a meter inside will receive a call from CNP to

book an annointment. - InPort News Staff I'VE REEN THINKING

# Reflecting on the first Christmas

REV. PAUL MOORE

Christian Life Assembly

n case you haven't noticed. Christmas is only one week away. Now I know that this is not news to most of us, since we have actually had almost a year to get ready for it already, but I find that the older I get, the faster time seems to

It seems that no matter how much you try not to get too busy in December, the calendar fills

On that very first Christmas more than 2,000 years ago, one of the blessings that God pro-

nounced to the Earth through the angel was Peace on earth, good will to men." Of all the things that we need the most, it seems as if peace is the thing we have the least The other day I took a cup of coffee and just

went out to the foyer of the church here at Christian Life where several displays are set up with lights for the season. The rest of the foyer lights were out, and I just sat for a while in the silence and reflected on the sights and scenes of the season - in peace.

As we reflect on those events that took place so long ago, events that have become so familiar to us, there is still a wonder and amazement at

the great gift of God to us We remember the visits of the angel Gabriel to first Zacharias, then Mary and Joseph, and then

the shepherds with a message of "fear not." Then the plan of God is unfolded to them I found it interesting this year to realize that

the one person we hear very little about is Zacharias' wife Elisabeth. She is described as being well advanced in vears, vet she and her husband were described

also as being devout. I picture them as one of those sweet couples that everyone would like to know and call them

friends. Yet in all the things that were happening in her life, we never hear of her complaining or questioning what was unfolding to her. I wonder, could it be that the reason she did

not need to be reassured to be at peace was because she had already found her place of peace in her relationship with God? Christmas seasons come and go, gifts and dinners are over and done with, but the gift of God peace on earth, good will to men - goes on each day we allow it to be manifest in and

through our lives. May the joy and blessing of Christmas grace your heart and fill your homes this season.

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■ HOCKEY WORLD: Port Native Derek Willis to announce game between Sabres and Canucks

# **Local man gets his shot at NHL broadcasting**

JOHN VESSOYAN InPort News Staff

HAMILTON - All minor professional hockey players dream of playing in the NHL. Broadcasters are no different

Derek Wills has dreams of becoming a full-time NHL play-by-play man. Since 2001, Wills has been the radio voice of the AHL's

Hamilton Bulldogs and bas been on the microphone for about 745 consecutive games The Port Colborne native's dream is almost a reality.

With longtime Buffalo Sabres announcer Rick Jeanneret taking a mid-season break, the Sabres are in need of a pinch hitter or two. That's where Wills comes into play. After holding discussions with Sabres executives, Wills

was selected as one of the broadcasters who will assume Jeannerer's duties while he's away for about three weeks. So that means Wills will get his shot at the NHL. You can call it an audition.

On Jan. 25, the 33-year-old former Lakeshore Catholic High School student, will fly to Vancouver to announce the game between the Sabres and the Canucks.

In the meantime, Wills will study the Sabres players, their jersey numbers and statistics. He'll turn on his TV set to watch Sabres games, turn the volume down and do the

play-by-play in his home as a rehearsal. This man's big night is less than two months away.
"I'm really excited, I'm not nervous," Wills said during an

interview at Copps Coliseum. "I'm super excited." Wills is unsure how many games Sabres games he'll announce. He's attempting to obtain his U.S. working visa which will allow him to do games in Buffalo and other

cities in the IIS Wills started his broadcasting career when he was a teenager doing Junior B bockey games for local community TV. He got his big break about eight years ago when the Bulldogs and former play-by-play announcer Todd Crocker parted ways, leaving an empty space in the broadcast booth at Copps.

Wills took over and struggled at first, but as he gained more experience he got more comfortable and confident

in the pro hockey broadcast booth. Growing up, Wills idolized Jeanneret and Hockey Night In Canada's Bob Cole.

"He's the guy I looked up to the most." Wills said of Jeanneret, "He's had a huge impact on my style," Another thrill for Wills will be getting to call a game with

witty hockey analyst Harry Neale, who used to work for With the Bulldogs, Wills, along with colour commentator Al Craig, can be heard live on TALK 820.

Don Bishop, who has known Wills for about 15 years. was the broadcaster's cameraman during their days cover-ing junior B hockey for community TV. Right from the beginning, Bishop noticed Wills' impressive work ethic and knowledge of the junior B players he was interviewing for the broadcasts.

"He did his homework. He talked to the players — he made them feel comfortable," said Bishop, who followed Wills to Hamilton to be his statistician for years. "He did an excellent job when he interviewed players.

It was during the Minto Cup lacrosse championships in St. Catharines one year when Bishop listened to Wills doing play-by-play, and again, liked what he heard from the young broadcaster.
"That's when I noticed his abilities." Bishop said.



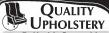
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Port Colborne native and Hamilton Bulldogs play-by-play announcer Derek Wills, right, and colour commentator Al Craig call the game for Talk820 radio from the press box at Copps Coliseum in Hamilton.



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■ PEOPLE, PLACES: Elizabeth Bagu celebrates birthday at Northland Pointe: Santa visits Guild Hall

# 99 year old an inspiration to all



George Duma

lizabeth Bagu was 54 when her busband Kalman died on Christmas morning in 1964.

That this dream not long after he was gone, 'she says in her lovely Hungarian accent.' I dream that my husband comes home and he sits at the end of our dhing room table and he looks at me. I say to him, 'You can't go back. If you go, I'm coming with you.' He said, 'No, you're

going to live a long life."

Elizabeth tells me this story during ber 99th birthday party last Saturday at Northland Pointe. Obviously, Kalman was right.

Surrounded by her friends and family,

Elizabeth celebrated her day in the Pointe's conference room with her favourite meal — Chinese food.

We met years ago when I became friends with her son, former Port Colborne mayor Coleman Bagu Sr. She is an incredibly strong woman, both physically and in character, and she carries herself with a class, dignity and charm that is at once

inspiring and disarming.

I remember the occasions I would call ber Port Colborne home looking for Coleman, who used his mom's house as his Port base when he lived in Fort Erie.

When he wasn't there, Elizabeth and I would invariably have a delightful chat. We would talk about a variety of topics, whether it was about our families or about Port Colborne or about Coleman. I was always enthralled with her. She was in her mid-to-late 80s then. This went on into her

Born in Hungary, Elizabeth and Kalman emigrated to Canada in the 1920s to find a better life. Granddaughter Penny Bagu-Gamble picks up the story.

"They decided at the last minute to leave dad (Coleman) behind because of the uncertainty facing them in this new land. He was three. Can you imagine?" She was an inspiration to my father, to me, to all of us.

Penny Bagu-Gamble, granddaughter

But that's what many did back in those days, before leaving various European homelands for new homes, in the interest of protecting their children from the

potential harm of that uncertainty.

It would be six years before Coleman would rejoin his parents in Canada, during the 1930s.

The Bagus originally farmed in Canada's prairies before ending up in Port Colborne "because of Inco," Penny says.

Elizabeth and Kalman bought the City Hotel on Main Street not long after coming to town. They ran the establishment for years before Elizabeth sold it to the Moskalyks in March of 1978, 14 years after Kalman's death.

Coleman has been gone five years now, though it seems like yesterday that I last saw him alive at Douglas Memorial Hospital in Fort Erie. I don't ask Elizabeth about him, certainly

not on such a happy day as her turning 99.
They were extremely close.
As she surveys her grandchildren and
great-grandchildren around the room at
the Pointe, she tells me she doesn't know
what all the fuss is about.

"Lots of people live long lives."
Perhaps. But not all of those people live them with the style, grace, humour and unconditional love as this matriarch, who has so often been the glue that holds the Bagu family together.

"She was an inspiration to my father, to me, to all of us," Penny tells me in a private moment. "Many of us lived with her at some point in our lives and took our example from her."
We should all have that kind of legacy.

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GEORGE DUMA InPort News Photo

Elizabeth Bagu celebrates her 99th birthday last Saturday surrounded by grandchildren, from left, Coleman Bagu Jr., Linda Lambert, Penny Bagu-Gamble and Mark Bagu.



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#### RY GEORGE

# Wainfleet ratepayers bring Santa to Guild Hall



GEORGE DUMA InPort News Photo Betty Konc, president of the Wainfleet Ratepayers Association. loads her vehicle following Saturday's Breakfast with Santa fundraiser, held by the association at the Guild Hall.

FROM PAGE 12 They couldn't bring the kids to the North Pole, so the Wainfleet Ratepayers Association (WRA) instead brought Santa Claus and his lovely missus to the Guild Hall Satur-

day morning for a pancake breakfast, While breakfast was \$5 a pop, a food donation was the only price tag for the opportunity to have a young one get

their photo taken with Santa. Local photographer April Jeffs donated her time and

services to the cause. The food was handed over to Port Caree for distribution The morning also featured door prizes, a bake sale and

poinsettias. Betty Konc, the WRA's president, called the fundraiser a

SUCCESS "April took 21 photos of kids and we gathered up two really good-sized boxes of food.

She said about 100 people came through for breakfast resulting in about a \$300 profit for the ratepayers group after expenses.

"Two years ago, we made a profit of \$800. I believe it's the tough economy. People aren't spending money on things like breakfast with Santa."

The event was staffed by "our usual go-to volunteers," Konc said.

"We have about 10 core-group volunteers." The WRA is a non-profit citizen watchdog group that

monitors the actions of local and regional levels of government

That's it for this week, dear readers. May you have a wonderful weekend.

George Duma is a resident of Port Colborne and has spent 30 years in the newspaper business. He is currently a member of the journalism faculty at Niagara College. He welcomes comments and column suggestions and can be reached at: eduma@coeeco.ca.







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# **OLYMPIC TORCH...** comes to Port Colborne!

The City of Port Colborne is proud to have the Olympic Torch visit the community on Monday December 21st, 2009. In celebration of this once in a generation

experience. Mayor Vance Badawey would like to invite Port Colborne residents and visitors to take part in free activities for children and families throughout the day of the Olympic Torch visit.

The Guild Hall "Hub", beside City Hall, will be providing a hot buffet breakfast for \$7.00 a person from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Beginning at 9:30 a.m., community groups

will host a "mini-Olympics" in the Market Square in front of City Hall consisting of playday events for all to try. The events include a softhall and fastball toss and pitch accuracy station, and a free throw basketball station. a mini rink hockey event will be hosted by Golden Puck and Ball Hockey International. Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Niagara is organizing an outdoor bowling event and Special Olympics of Ontario will be hosting a mini-putt challenge. Dressage Niagara and the Arabian Horse Association will have a Canadian horse for people to interact with

At approximately 10:30 a.m. the Olympic Torch will arrive at Port Colborne City Hall. where there will be a brief opportunity for a photo. During the morning celebration, Port Colborne High School as well as community youth will be providing musical entertainment. There will be a short three to five minute presentation at the end of

Torch's visit, before it must move on. Events at the market square will continue throughout the morning. Additionally, there are afternoon and evening activities planned for Port Colborne.

The City of Port Colborne is pleased to present free swimming at Centennial Pool between 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. and free family skating at the Teeder Kennedy Youth Arena from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. In the afternoon, Dressage Niagara and The Arabian Horse Association will host an open house at Rivendell Farm on Babion Road from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. where the community is welcome to visit for treats and interact with horses. In the evening, The Roselawn

Centre, located at 296 Fielden Avenue, is offering a free family Christmas movie



The Olympic Flame is coming to Port Colborne, Ontario December 21, 2009 City Hall VANCOUVERSON CONTORCUES AS



night beginning at 6:00 p.m. with a 6:30 p.m. viewing of A Christmas Story. Please visit www.portcolborne.ca for further information.

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# OLDE HUMBERSTONE MAIN STREET AREA COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN: Urban Design and Streetscape Guidelines

There are big changes coming for Main Stever in the consing year fine detailed streetope design is well underway with several design compets being proposed by the consultants. A public workshop was held in November in order to showcase some of workshop was held in November in order to showcase some of begin in the spring of 2010 and includes improvements to the sidewake, roodway, bandscaping and overall look of the Main Sever LOF Area. Additional public meetings will be held in the respect to the streetope design consepts are mixed to contact landsup (Richardson at 50%-535-2901 ext. 120 or via email at infrinskynchelosof) perchanges.

In addition to the streetscape design, moving forward, Council has recently approved the application process and forms for the Main Street Community Improvement Plan financial incentives program.

The following is a listing and brief description of the incentive programs that will be available to eligible properties in the CIP area subject to budget approval from Council.

# Planning (architect/landscape

architect) Fee Grant

A one-time grant of 50 per cent to a maximum of \$500 will be available toward the cost of the preparation of architectural plans for building facade improvements.

### Facade Improvement Grant

A one-time grant of 50 per cent, to a maximum of \$10,000, of the costs to assist commercial building owners in the CIP area improve a building façade on the Main Street frontage. The grant includes building materials, labour and professional fees.

## Secondary Grant

A one-time grant of 50 per cent, up to a maximum of \$5,000, of the costs will be available for improvements per exterior side and rear building face where the building fortors ton a side street and/or backs onto a shared parking area. The grant includes building materials, labour and professional fees and will be paid upon satisfactory completion of the work.

#### Sidewalk Café Grant

A one-time grant of 50 per cent, to a maximum of \$2,000, of the costs will be available to assist restaurant owners in the CIP area to create or improve a sidewalk café. The grant includes building materials, labour and professional fees.

## **Application and Permit**

## Fees Rebate

Where a property owner or business is undertaking improvements to lands and buildings, the City will provide a grant equivalent to the cost of the normal application fees for the approved projects in the case of building permits, the property owner will be relimbursed up to 50 per cent, to a maximum of \$500 of the fee.

### **Property Tax-Increment Grant**

Where property improvements are undertaken and result in increased assessment, the City of Port Colborne will provide a grant equal to the property tax increase resulting from the development for up to a maximum of three (3) years following the increase in the assessment

Where the property is identified as a Brownfield by the City, Staff will assist the property owner in obtaining a matching Provincial Grant under the Brownfields Financial Tax Incentive Program.

## Mixed Use Intensification Grant

A grant of up to 50 per cent of the costs, up to a maximum of \$3,000, will be provided for creating a new residential unit within a new building within the Community Improvement Area.

A grant of up to 50 per cent of the costs, up to a maximum of \$1,000 will be provided for the rehabilitation of an existince residential unit located above or behind an existing commercial use in the CIP area in order to increase the marketability of the unit through improvements to plumbing, electrical, occasibility, security or other improvements required to meet the current standards of the buildina code.

#### Sign Replacement Grant

A grant of 50 per cent, up to \$2,000, will be available toward the cost of replacing an existing sign that does not comply with the sign design guidelines outlined in the Olde Humberstone Community Improvement Plan, Urban Design and Streetscape diddlenies. Grants will be pad in regula Installments were very sens. The second and third installments will only be available should the business/ston remain in the CIP Area.

## Affordable Housing Grant/Loan

A grant of 50 per cent, up to \$2,000 will be available toward the cost of creating each new, affordable housing unit in the CIP Area. Grants will be paid after two (2) years of operation of the affordable housing unit. To be considered "Affordable Housing", the City will define the requirements prior to grant approval based on provincial criteria on an annual basis.

### **Shared Parking Grant**

completion of the works.

A grant of up to 50 per cent of the costs will be available for creating rear lot, paved, shared parking in the CIP Area, at a rate of up to \$500 per parking space, plus up to \$1,000 per each 10 metre (length) of access (aneways. The orant will be payable upon

## Parking Lot Improvement Grant

A grant of 50 per cent, up to 53,000 will be provided to improve existing parking areas adjacent to public streets. Improvements will include surfacing, marking and landscaping in accordance with the Olde Humberstone Community Improvement Plan, Urban Design and Streetscape Guidelines.



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Mayor Vance Backswer

Downtown Central Business District Community Improvement Plan, Urban Design Guidelines, Streetscape Plan and Traffic Study

Work has begun on developing a Community Improvement Plan for the Domintrom Central Bulanes Discitle Area. Both Bill and public workshops were held in November in order to create a new vision for the area. Remaining Solid are continuing to work with the vision for the area. Remaining Solid are continuing to work with the vision of the properties of the completed by spring of 2010. Additional polic meetings will be held in the New Year, and any visionfels who wish to work an opinion with respect to the community Improvement Plan are Indirect or contact Unideay Richardson at \$5.05.853-2001 ext 125 or visi entail and the properties of th

## Brownfield Strategy/Community Improvement Plan

The City is nearing the completion of a Brownfield Community Improvement Plan (CIP). The CIP will facilitate and promote the redevelopment of brownfield sites throughout the city. Brownfields are abandoned, idled, or underused industrial and commercial properties where redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination. The CIP will outline specific municipal programs and actions designed to encourage private sector investment in cleaning up and redeveloping brownfield sites. This will help to improve the environmental, economic and social conditions in employment areas and neighbourhoods in Port Colborne, A Statutory Public Meeting, held under Sections 17 and 28 of the Planning Act will be held on January 11, 2010 at 6:30 pm in Council Chambers. The final draft of the Community Improvement Plan is available on the City Website at www.portcolborne.ca for review. Any residents who wish to voice an opinion with respect to the streetscape design concepts are invited to contact Lindsay Richardson at 905-B35-2901 ext 129 or via email at lindsavrichardson@portcolborne.ca.

## CITY OF PORT COLBORNE PUBLIC NOTICE

No Parking Interfering With Snow Removal On All Highways

OWNERS of vehicles within the City of Port Colborne are hereby reminded of the provisions of the Highway Traffic Act and By-aw No. 89-2000 which regulates parking and traffic on city roads.

No person shall park or stand a vehicle on a highway in such a manner as to interfere with the movement of traffic or the clearing of snow from the highway. Upon discovery of any vehicle parked or

standing in contravention of the above mentioned, an officer may cause it to be moved or taken to and placed or stored in a suitable place and all costs and charges for removing, care and storage thereof, if any, are a lien upon the vehicle, which may be enforced in the manner provided by the Repair and Storage Liens Act.

Your co-operation in complying with these provisions would be appreciated and would avoid the use of the enforcement provisions of the By-law/Act.

Vehicle — "includes a motor vehicle, trailer, traction engine, farm tractor, roadbuilding machine and any vehicle drawn, propelled or driven by and kind of power, including muscular power, but does not include a motorized snow vehicle or a street car."

Large Motor Vehicle — "means a commercial motor vehicle, bus, school bus, boat, boat trailer, or mobile home"

Highway- "includes a common and public highway, street, avenue, parkoway, driveway, square, place, bridge, vladuct or trestle, any part of which is intended for or used by the general public for the passage of vehicles and includes the area between the lateral property lines thereof"

# CITY OF PORT COLBORNE - PURLIC NOTICE

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of All ice and snow shall be cleared away from such roofs and from sidewalks adjoining their premises 24 hours after the formation of ice or snowfall ends.

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OWNERS OR OCCUPANTS OF PROPERTY within the City of Port Colborne are also reminded of the provisions which prohibit the dumping of snow from private property on to the street.

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# PORT COLBORNE

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Proposed Brownfield Strategy and Community Improvement Plan

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this meeting is to hear public comments on the proposed City of Port Colborne Brownfield Strategy and Community Improvement Plan. The entire urban area of the City of Port Colborne, as amended from time to time, shall be designated as the community improvement project area for the Brownfield CIP.

Brownfield sizes are those which can be defined as abandoned, secant, orderelect, felider or undersuitzed properties in the urban area with an active potential for redevelopment where such development is complicated by real or perceived environmental contentiation. The purpose of a Brownfield Community Improvement Plan is to recognize opportunities for brownfield redevelopment and provide financial Internetive. These incentives are offered as a method to promote the remediation, rehabilisation and adopter reuse of brownfield steps.

As part of this process, the City is amending the existing Official Plan to interer the policies of the new Official Plan (adopted and awaiting Regional approval) for Community Improvement Plans and Project Areas. It is the intent of Council that the entire urban area, as amended from to time may be designated by by-law as a Community Improvement Plan Project Area.

## PUBLIC MEETING

Date: January 11, 2010
Time: 6:30 PM

Location: City Hall Council Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor 66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne Ontario

#### HAVE YOUR SAY

Input on this proposed Brownfield Strategy and Community Improvement: Plan is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by providing written comments to the City. Please note that unless you provide input via one of these means, you may not be able to appeal the decision of Council at a later date.

#### WRITTEN SUBMISSION

To provide input in writing or to request personal notification of a decision of Council, please sent correspondence c/o City Clerk, 66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne Ontario, L3K 3C8.

## MORE INFORMATION

For more information, please contact Lindsay Richardson, Communicy Policy Planner at 905-83S-2901 ext 129 or via email at lindsayrichardson@ portcolborne.ca. A copy of the Draft Brownfield Community Improvement Plan and Official Plan Amendment is available at City Hall for review or it can be found on the City's website at www.portcolborne.ca.

### LEGAL NOTICE

Sections 17 and 28 of the Planning Act

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City of Port Colborne before a decision on the proposed Prownfield Strategy and Community improvement Plan and/or Official Plan Amendment, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of Council of the City of Port Colborne to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City of Port Colborne before a decision on the proposed Brownfield Strategy and Community Improvement Plan is made by Council, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Onzard Municipal Board unbless, in the opinion of

# NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS: 2010 DOG LICENSES



TAGS MAY BE PURCHASED AT:

City Hall, 66 Charlotte Street The Port Colborne Animal Shelter, 1080 Elm Street Independent Discount Pet Supply, 730 Main Street West Pet Valu, Westside Place Plaza, Westside Road

Dog owners who fail to purchase a dog license before the due date are liable for a set fine under Part 1 Provincial Offences Act.

# Port Colborne HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTRE









an 2008 the City applied for funding assistance from the Federal and Provincial Governments to construct a Health & Wellness Centre in the City of Port Colborne. We were fortunate to have to the Colborne. We were fortunate to have to the Colborne. We were fortunate to the provincial of the Province. The new facility will be located at the T.A. Lannan Sports Park on Elizabeth Street at the east end of the City. This building will replace the of the City. This building will replace the City. This building will replace the control of t

In May 2009 the City of Port Colborne engaged MHPM Project Managers to assist with the design and development of the new Port Colborne Health & Wellness Centre. A review of the building program, the schedule and the project budget was undertaken immediately, in addition a Request for Proposal was prepared to hire a Prime Design Consultant team.

In July 2009, MacLennan Jaunkalin Miller Architeck (MJM) won a hotly contested competition to provide design services to the City. The initial work undertaken was to reconfirm the projected cost and to begin developing a design that will provide spaces capable of accommodating a multitude of activities. It had already been determined that the program for the new centre would include two new NHL sized rinks, a pool and an indoor trea of an an indoor treat would and an indoor treat when the contract of the

One rink will be a spectator rink capable of seating 1000 spectators. In addition this rink will be designed to provide a venue for trade shows and concerts. An indoor track will be incorporated into the upper seating area to provide sheltered space for walkers and igogens. The second rink will provide six provides the recreational rink with seating for 200 spectators. Each rink will provide six rooms for referees and first all. The refrigeration equipment for the rinks will be state-of-the-art and will incorporate a feature that allows rejected heat from







the ice surface to be recirculated throughout the building to warm public spaces and reduce operating costs.

A new six lane lap pool and a therapy/leisure pool with ramp access and warmer water temperature have also been proposed. Male, female and family change rooms will be provided. A multi-purpose space that will accommodate basketball, volleyball and other recreational activities has also been incorporated into the preliminary design. A servery and kitchen will open onto this space allowing large social events to be held in the room. The existing bocce club facilities will be incorporated into the new centre. New courts, a covered patio and a room for social activities and club meetings will he constructed

The facility will be designed to LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver standards. The design will incorporate sustainability goals that will consider the environment when designing the building and selecting materials and equipment. Ultimately this approach will reduce the costs associated with maintenance and operations.

The overall project schedule calls for the construction to be tendered in the spring of 2010 and for the building to be open to the public in the spring of 2012.

The facility is presently in the schematic design stage. Meetings have been held with community groups to discuss the program and a variety of options. Program alternatives are being reviewed in light of the project budget and the project cost is currently estimated to be in the \$35.5M range.

On December 9, 2009, a drop in Open House was held in the Council Chambers where the public had the opportunity to speak with staff, the Project Manager and the Architects and review the designs. program options and associated costs.







# **PORT COLBORNE Public Library**

310 King Street Port Colborne, ON L3K 4H1 Phone: 905-834-6512 Fav. 905-835-5775 email: library@portcolborne.ca

HOURS OF SERVICE Monday, Tuesday, Thursday; 10 am-8 pm

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: 9 am-S pm LIBRARY HOLIDAY HOURS: CLOSED: Dec. 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 2009. OPEN-Dec 29 30 2009

(regular hours) Dec. 31st. 2009, 9 am to 5 pm. CLOSED: Jan. 1, 2010.

Art in the Library... Featuring Work by Local Artists and Artisans

Melanie Ker Photography presen Nature and Nautical. On display in the Atrium until January 15, 2010.

"Wood Carvings" by Douglas B. Kelly. On display throughout the Library.

# **Activities for Adults:**

**Express Yourself Writers** Support Group With facilitators Kitty and Gary Roy. Explore your own ability to express your thoughts, emotions and dreams using the written word. Listen to other writers' works and share your own, give and receive critiques in a non-judgmental form. Practical advice on getting published, finding a literary agent, copyrights, finding inspiration. Ongoing, Thursdays 6:00—8:00 pm For more information contact the facilitators at groy@cogeco.ca or call the Library at 905-834-6512

Rise & Shine Yoga With Heather Jones. Start the day off right with a Hatha Yoga class. This class is gentle and suitable for all levels of experience, including beginners, Invigorate your body with postures and sequences designed to open all the major joints, relieve stiffness in the back and build strength and calm. This is the perfect mid-week class to refresh and inspire you Call 90S-892-6936 for new dates and times and/or to register.

Activities for Children:

For more information about Christmas Break Activities, call the Library at 905-834-6512.

Christmas Card Making Craft Make 2 Christmas cards for special people! For ages 7 and under: Monday, December 21st 2:30-3:30 nm For ages 8 and up: Monday, December 21st 4:00-4:45 pm Cost is \$2.00 per child. All materials will be provided. Children 4 and under must be

arromnanied by an adult. Space is limited Pre-registration is required. Story Time Winter-themed stories for children ages 6

and under with Library 8oard Chair Derek Tuesday, December 22nd and Tuesday, December 29, 10:00-11:00 am. Free. Children 3 and under must be

accompanied by an adult. Winter Break Cocoa and Craft

Enjoy for hot cocoa, cookies and an extra special "New Year Celebration Craft" at the Uhrand Wednesday, December 30, 2:30-4:00 pm. For children ages 6 and older. Cost is

\$5.00 per child. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required.

Movies for Kids Santa Buddies (Rated: G) - Tuesday, December 22nd, 2:00 pm G-Force (Rated: G): Tuesday, December 29th, 2:00 pm Cost is \$2.00 per person. 8uv tickets in advance to avoid

disappointment.

Do you have a boat that sits on a trailer in your driveway in the summer? Does hitching it up to the truck and having to drive to the ramp to launch it, park the truck and walk back to the boat make you thred before you even get in the boat?

Well 2010 may be just the year to change all that! Making better use of your boat while reserving your own energy for fishing is a lot easier with your own personal boat slip at Sugarloaf Marina!

Feel like taking the boat out? Walk out to your slip and start'er up. Sugarloaf Marina has Special Rates for boats under 20 feet.

ARRANGE YOUR 2010 DOCKAGE NOW! Call SUGARLOAF MARINA for details or leave a message at 905-835-6644.

Or email marina@portcolborne.ca

Off Season Hours ... Tuesday – Thursday 8:30-4:30, Friday 8:30-12:30

# 2009-2010

# Christmas Break Schedule

# West Arena and **Teeder Kennedy Youth Arena**



### WEST ARENA

Sunday, December 20th	ramily skating	1:30 to 2:50 pm
	Public Skating	3:00 to 4:20 pm
Tuesday, December 22nd	TIM SKATE - FREE	1:00 to 3:00 pm
Wednesday, December 23rd	Tots & Adults	10:00 to 11:00 am
-	TIM SKATE - FREE	1:00 to 3:00 pm
Thursday, December 24th	Christmas Eve	Arena closes at 4:00 pm
Friday, December 25th	Christmas Day	Arena Closed All Day
Saturday, December 26th	Boxing Day	Arena Closed All Day
Sunday, December 27th	Family Skating	1:30 to 2:50 pm
_	Public Skating	3:00 to 4:20 pm
Wednesday, December 30th	Tots & Adults	10:00 to 11:00 am
	Public Skating	1:00 to 3:00 pm
Thursday, December 31st	Casco Kidz Carnival	2:0 to 6:00 pm
	New Year's Eve	Arena Closes at 6:00 pm
Friday, January 1, 2010	New Years Day	Arena Closed All Day
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Saturday, December 19th	TIM SKATE - FREE	7:30 to 8:50 pm	
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	(City of P.C.) Free Public Skating		
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Thursday, December 24th	Christmas Eve	Arena Closes at 4:00 pm	
Friday, December 25th	Christmas Day	Arena Closed All Day	
Saturday, December 26th	Boxing Day	Arena Closed All Day	
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Tuesday, December 29th	Public Skating	1:00 to 3:00 pm	
Wednesday, December 30th	Tots & Adults	1:00 to 2:00 pm	
Thursday, December 31st	New Year's Eve	Arena Closes at 4:00 pm	
Friday, January 1, 2010	New & Year's Day	Arena Closed All Day	
Saturday, January 2nd, 2010	Public Skating	7:30 to 8:50 pm	

# DID YOU KNOW...

- businesses and industries use an average 2.9 million cubic metres, roximaticy 2.9 billion litres of
- Less than 3% of municipally treated water is used for drinking.
  You can refill an 8 oz. glasa of water approximately 60 times for the same cost as a twelve-pack of pap.
  A 1 little bottle of water cests, on average, 500 times the cost of 1 litre of
- meters use an overage of 74% more water than metered communities. A glass of tap water from the City is tested and safeguarded to a much more tested and safeguarded to a much more rigid standard than bottled drinking ster bought in stores. dripping tap wastes between 30 to 0 litres of water per day - and could cost you up to an extra \$100 per year! An average Port Colborne household

receives their daily water needs for approximately \$1.25 per day - less than the cost of a medium coffeel

If you have any questions or would like more information about the City's drinking water, please visit our website at www.portcolborne.ca and click on the Water Quality link under the Popular Pages section. Or, you can contact Darlene Suddard, the Water/Wastewater Compliance Coordinator at darlenesuddard@portcolborne.ca or at 905-835-2901 ext. 212

#### PORT COLBORNE CENTENNIAL POOL 124 Janet Street

Port Colborne, ON L3K 2E7 (905) 835-2691

# Christmas Break 2009 Swim Schedule

#### Great Gift Ideas For Christmas (Child Gift Passes - Memberships - Aquafit - AquaJog - Lessons)

. SATURDAY December 19, 2009 11:30 - 12:30 pm......Adults Only 12:30 - 1:00 pm... Family 1:00 - 2:30 pm... Public ... Public

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7:45 - 8:30 pm	Adults Only
8:30 - 9:15 pm	AquaFit

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THURSDAY Dece	mber 24, 2009
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10:45 - 11:30 am	AquaFit
11:30 - 12:30 pm	
12:30 - 1:00 pm	Family
1:00 - 2:30 pm	Public

MERRY CHRISTMAS! Friday, December 25th, 2009 CLOSED

Saturday, December 26th, 2009 CLOSED

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Friday, January 1st, 2010 - CLOSED HAPPY NEW YEAR !! Regular Schedule Continues Sat. January 2nd, 2010

# COMMONLY

# CALLED NUMBER

### BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS

Downtown Port
Colborne BIA
www.downtownportcolborne

Port Colborne Gateway Association 251 King Street Port Colborne, ON L3K 4G8 portcolbornegateway@ amail.com

Port Colborne & Wainfleet Chamber of Commerce 76 Main Street West Port Colborne, ON L3K 3V2 905-834-9765 www.pcwchamber.com

## CITY SERVICES

City Hall – Port Colborne 66 Charlotte Street Port Colborne, ON L3K 3C8 905-835-2900 TTY: 905-835-0826 After Hours Emergencies: 905-835-5079

www.portcolborne.ca

Centennial Pool
124 Janet Street
Port Colborne, ON L3K 2E7
905-835-2691
www.portcolborne.ca

Economic & Tourism

Development Corporation

296 Fielden Avenue

Port Colborne, ON L3K 4T6

www.portcolborne.ca

Port Colborne Historical

& Marine Museum

905-834-1668

280 King Street, Box 572 Port Colborne, ON L3K 5X8 905-834-7604 www.portcolborne.ca

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Showboat Theatre 296 Fielden Avenue Port Colborne, ON L3K 4T6 905-834-0833 www.showboattheatre.ca

Sugarloaf Marina 3 Marina Road Port Colborne, ON L3K 6C6 905-835-6644

## EMERGENCY SERVICES For Emergencies Dial 9-1-1

Fire Service, Port Colborne 3 Killaly Street West Port Colborne, ON L3K 6H1 905-834-4512 www.portcolborne.ca

Niagara Regional Police Service 6 District 501 Fielden Avenue Port Colborne, ON L3K 4T9 905-735-7811 www.nrps.com

Crime Stoppers 1-800-222-TIPS (8477)

Humane Society – Welland & District 60 Provincial Street Welland, ON L3B SW7

905-834-6634 (Port Colborne Animal Shelter) 905-735-1552 www.wellandhumanesociety.org

PhoneBusters (Anti-Fraud Call Centre) 1-888-495-8501 info@phonebusters.com www.phonebusters.com

# GOVERNMENT

### REGIONAL

Region of Niagara 905-685-1571 www.niagararegion.ca

Regional Councillor Bob Saracino 905-834-0796 bob.saracino @niagararegion.ca

Waste Management 1-800-594-5542 905-356-4141

Large Item Pick-up (waste) 1-800-561-4409

#### PROVINCIAL & FEDERAL

Member of Provincial Parliament Peter Kormos 60 King Street, Unit 103 Welland, ON L3B 6A4 Welland: 905-732-6884 Toronto: 416-325-7106 www.ontariondp.com

Member of Parliament (Federal) Malcolm Allen 92 Charlotte 5treet Port Colborne, ON L3K 3E1 Port Colborne: 905-834-3629 Welland: 905-788-206

Ottawa: 613-995-0988

www.malcolmallen.ndp.ca Canadian Passport Regional Office -Landmark Building 43 Church Street, Suite 600 5t Catharines, ON L2R 7E1 1-800-567-6868 www.ppt.gc.ca

Municipal Property

Assessment Corporation (MPAC) 1-866-296-MPAC (6722) www.mpac.ca Ontario Birth Certificate 1-800-461-2156

www.orgforms.gov.on.ca

Board 1-888-332-3234 www.orht.gov.on.ca

Social Insurance Number 1-800-206-7218 www.servicecanada.gc.ca

## HEALTH CARE SERVICES

For Emergencies Dial 9-1-1
Port Colhorne General

Hospital / Urgent Care Centre 260 Sugarloaf Street Port Colborne 905-834-4501 www.niagarahealth.on.ca

Bridges Community Health Centre Portal Village Plaza 506 Steele Street Port Colborne, ON L3K 6A7 905-835-7756 www.bridgescommunity

Family Doctor Sign-up Joanne Ferraccioli Port Colborne City Hall 905-835-2900

healthcentre.com

Confidential Health Connection Line 905-688-8248 1-888-505-6074

Health Card (OHIP) LOST, STOLEN OR DAMAGED 1-800-268-1154 TTY: 1-800-387-5559

Public Health 905-735-5697 1-800-263-7248

Telehealth Ontario 1-866-797-0000 TTY: 1-866-797-0007 www.health.gov.on.ca

#### INFORMATION

211 Niagara 2-1-1

www.211Niagara.ca
Information Niagara
1-800-263-3695
www.informationniagara.com

# SOCIAL & SENIORS SERVICES

Centre Polyvalent des Aines Francophone 184 Mitchell Street Port Colborne, ON L3K 1Y1 905.834.0683

Friends Over SS 554 Fielden Avenue Port Colborne, ON L3K 4V1 905-835-1731

Niagara Gatekeepers 905-684-0968 1-877-212-3922 www.niagaragatekeepers.org

Port Cares 92 Charlotte Street Port Colborne, ON L3K 3E1 905-834-3629 www.portcares.on.ca

Port Colborne Association for Community Living 100 McRae Avenue Port Colborne, ON L3K 2A8

905-835-8941 www.portcolborne communityliving.com

Seniors INFOline 1-888-910-1999 TTY:1-800-387-5559 www.health.gov.on.ca www.healthvontario.com

## UTILITIES

Canadian Niagara Power 905-835-0051 www.cnpower.com

Enbridge Gas Distribution 1-866-763-5427 www.enbridge.com



Have A Fire-Safe Christmas!

MAKE SURE THE BASE OF YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE IS IMMERSED IN WATER AT ALL TIMES.

Never place lit candles on or near the tree

# **Keeping Safe from the**

The following information is provided by the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA). For more information about carbon monoxide safety, visit their website at www.tssa.org, or contact Port Colborne Fire & Emergency Services.

WHAT IS CARBON MONOXIDE?

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Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colourless, odourless, tasteless and toxic gas and is often referred to as the "silent killer". When inhaled it inhibits the blood's capacity to transport oxygen throughout the body. It can poison the body quickly in high concentrations, or slowly over long periods of time.

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF

CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING Exposure to CO can cause flu-like symptoms such as headaches, nausea, dizziness, burning eyes, confusion, drowsiness or loss of consciousness, In severe cases, CO poisoning can cause brain damage and death. The elderly, children and people with heart or respiratory conditions may be particularly sensitive to CO.

WHAT ARE SOME DANGER SIGNS? You or other members of your family have symptoms of CO exposure (see above). You notice a sharp penetrating odour or smell of gas when your furnace or other fuel-burning equipment turns on. The air is stale or stuffy.
 The pilot light of your furnace or other fuel-

burning equipment goes out.

• Chalky white powder forms on the chimney exhaust vent pipe or soot build-up occurs around the exhaust vent.

If you suspect carbon monoxide in your home, get out of your house and call 911.

WHERE SHOULD A CO ALARM BE LOCATED IN

Proper replacement of a CO alarm is important. In general, the human body is most vulnerable to the effects of CO during sleeping hours, so an alarm should be located in or as near as possible to the sleeping area of the home.

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:

PORT COLBORNE FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES 905-834-4512.

# METERED PARKING for the month of

To promote and encourage shopping in the downtown core and at the Port Colborne Farmers' Market, motorists may park free at any meter in Port Colborne for the month of December.

PLEASE NOTE: All other parking infractions will be strictly enforced. · Parking in handicapped zones without

- · Parking in fire routes
- · Parking in prohibited areas (loading zones, corner restrictions)
- Parking blocking a driveway Parking over the time limit in 1 and 2 hour zones etc.



PORT COLBORNE

# CHRISTMAS / **NEW YEAR** HOLIDAY CLOSING

Please be advised that City Hall will close for the holiday season on Thursday, December 24th, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. and will reopen at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, January 4th,

The City Works / Parks Yard will be closed December 25th and 28th. 2009 for Christmas Day and Boxing Day and January 1st. 2010 for New Year's Day.

Emergency calls throughout the closure will be handled in the usual fashion by calling 905-835-5079 (24 hour service).

# Farmers'

During the month of December, the Farmers' Market will be held from 6:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the following dates:

FRIDAY December 18, 2009

THURSDAY December 24, 2009

Commencing January 8th, 2010, the Market will be held on that day and every Friday thereafter from 6:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

# **MAYOR'S New Year's**

Sunday, January 3rd 1:00 TO 4:00 PM

CITY HALL

COUNCIL CHAMBERS 66 Charlotte Street Port Colborne

Everyone welcome!



■ HOCKEY EVENT: Exhibit of artifacts from Hockey Hall of Fame comes to Niagara Dec. 19

# Stanley Cup to visit Rink at the Brink

NIAGARA FALLS - The Winter Festival of Lights announced that an exhibit of artifacts and memorabilia from the Hockey Hall of Fame, including the Stanley Cup, will be hosted at the Brink at the Brink on Saturday, Dec. 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The full exhibit will feature memorabilia and artifacts of the Toronto Manle Leafs, Buffalo Sabres, Canadian Olympic Team and current NHL stars along with the Conn Smythe Trophy and Lady Byng Trophy.

Additionally, two interactive games will be on-site and coaches are encouraged to bring their minor hockey teams in their jerseys to take a picture with the Cup

"We are delighted to partner with the Hockey Hall of Fame and bring one of their outreach exhibit packages to Niagara Falls and it's a fantastic addition to this year's Winter Festival of Lights," stated Rick Morocco, WFOL Manager, Sponsorship and Sales.

"To also have the Stanley Cup as part of this package is a rare occurrence and should definitely be taken advantage Pre-sale admission tickets are available online at www.

WFOL.com/RinkatTheBrink. The first 2,500 tickets purchased using the promo code: ROSEHILL will be entered into a draw to win a one-week stay in Orlando, FL courtesy of Fore Sports Travel.

By using the ROSEHILL promo code, you will receive a special admission price of \$5.75 (\$7.99 with skate rental) for adults and \$4.20 for children 12 & under (\$5.99 with

Located across from Table Rock Centre, and just a stone's throw away from the brink of the Horseshoe Falls, the Rink at the Brink is open daily (10 a.m. to 10 p.m.) until Feb. 28, parties, birthdays and group outings.

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Rick Morocco, Winter Festival of Lights

2010. It offers recreational ice skating, skate, helmet and locker rentals, as well as skating lessons for groups and individuals

It also hosts special functions such as corporate holiday

HOCKEY: Kevin Rosebrugh speaks about his new experiences with Thorold team

# Ex-Pirates coach flying high with Blackhawks

JOHN VESSOYAN InPort News Staff

THOROLD - It was a year ago when Kevin Rosebrugh found himself in a tough

The Ridgeway resident was in his first vear as bead coach of the Port Colborne Pirates. He was new to the role as bench boss and was guiding a team that was

struggling on and off the ice. The junior B hockey team was having a difficult time winning games and frustra-tion carried over off the ice which culminated with an incident involving two play-

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Kevin Rosebrugh

ers who later got suspended for their actions at a team function. Rosebrugh didn't last the entire season.

sphere to come to work every day

After 35 games, he was fired in late December. But the dismissal did not deter Rosebrugh, who played Junior B hockey in Niagara when he was a teenager. Soon after leaving Port Colborne, he

landed an assistant coaching position with the Thorold Blackhawks under head coach Pat Paone In the off-season, Rosebrugh was named

the head coach of Thorold, where he's helped the Blackhawks reach the top of the Golden Horseshoe Conference. The struggles he went through last season taught

him lessons "It was an eye opener, that's for sure,"

Rosebrugh said following a recent game at Thorold Arena against the Welland Junior Canadians, "I knew it wasn't going to be easy going in there (Port Colborne). But to come here and to work for these guys and the day-to-day operations, it's an enjoyable

atmosphere to come to work every day. In the summer, Rosebrugh worked with friend and former Pirates head coach Ryan Barnes. Both took players to tournaments in New England where NCAA recruiters

had looks at players. "I learned a lot. Learned a lot last year with Pat (former coach Pat Paone), he knows the game well. Had a good summer

off. Did a lot of planning for this year
— put the pieces in place," he said. "It's been pretty smooth other than our injury problems - we've been really banged up. We're just starting to get healthy now and hopefully get on a

little run here. Rosebrugh sees good things in the club's future. "I think we're in good shape," he said. "A lot of people thought we were going to rebuild this year. We lost Zach Graham, we lost (Rvan) Federman, we lost (C.I.) Dickson, we lost Mario Cote, we lost a lot of weapons off this club. We've done our best to replace, and we're still looking.

We have plans to make a long run.

## Preventing Fungal Infections for Denture Wearers

Contrary to popular belief, life with a denture is not life without dentistry. There are quite special oral health concerns for people who wear dentures, and Candida infection is one of them.

Candida is a yeast-like fungus present in the mouths of about 30% of adults, and in nearly half of all denture wearers. It doesn't cause much trouble when the denture fits well, mouth tissue is healthy, immune system intact and nutritional needs are satisfied. But an ill-fitting denture, or bad denture habits, can adversely affect both nutrition and oral tissues, and open the door to

Candida invasion. It happens fast, Candida can spread over a denture in just 30 minutes! Since Candida actually permeates the acrylic liner of the denture, chronic infection can occur. The common result is denture stomatitis, that is red inflamed sores

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■ HOCKEY: Rookie defenceman gives Gator fans new reason to cheer

# Lakeshore's new star on ice

JOHN VESSOYAN PORT COLBORNE - For a first year high

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school hockey player, Jared Milberry is doing very well. The Lakeshore Catholic Gators defenceman

was selected to Team South for the 5th annual Niagara Catholic District School Board hockey all-star game. That in itself was an honour for the teenager who was born in Niagara Falls. The 17-year-old didn't expect to provide much

offence for his all-star squad Monday morning, but he did. Milberry scored Team South's only goal of the game as they lost 4-1 to Team North in front of about 150 fans at Westside Arena in Port Colborne

A win would have been nice, but Milberry was still thrilled about getting an opportunity to showcase his talents, "It was awesome - good experience." Milberry said following the game. It didn't take long for Milberry to adjust to the

high school level of play. "I like it, it's quick," he said.

The star of the game however was Team North's Anthony Pullia of Blessed Trinity. Pullia led the way with a pair of goals in his first allstar appearance. "It was really fun. Fun to play

with your friends," Pullia said. The arena was noisy thanks to young fans and a band playing in the background. It was all music to Pullia's ears, "It was good hearing the

drums playing," said Pullia, who plays minor AAA hockey with in St. Catharines. Team South featured players from Lakeshore, Notre Dame, St. Michael and Saint Paul, while Team North had players from Blessed Trinity, St.

Francis, Denis Morris and Holy Cross Coaches from all of those schools pick the

players who will participate in the annual game. This was the third year in a row Team North captured the victory. Last year they won the contest 5-2.

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■ SCHOLARSHIP: Port Colborne programs help less fortunate families afford organized sports

# Santa's hockey helpers

BERND FRANKE InPort News Staff

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PORT COLBORNE — Not every Christmas present is in a box, covered in wrapping, topped off with a bow and nestled under a tree.

In Port Colborne, some gifts are enjoyed at Teeder Kennedy and Westside Arenas, where boys and girls who wouldn't otherwise be playing minor hockey are on the ice thanks to a team of secret Santas in this community.

Donations to a Port Colborne Minor Hockey Association program to assist lessfortunate families with equipment and registration costs annually put to "10 to 15 players" on the ice.

"Some people help buy equipment, while others assist in registration costs. In this economy every bit helps," association president Bill Steele said in underscoring the importance of a community-based program that puts pucks into the back of the net—and smiles on childlen's faces.

It's the smile on the face of her favourite 11-year-old budding Beliveaus that Michelle Ozog treasures most after the community-minded business owner decided to add minor hockey to a lineup of local organizations that she has supported over the years with her donations.

A hockey mom, now a hockey grandma whose husband Glen stays active playing senior hockey, Ozog began thinking about her nelghbours who couldn't afford to put their children in organized hockey.

"This year I wanted to put my money toward the kids in Port Colborne. We have a lot of kids whose parents just don't have the extra money for activities, and sports

can be expensive," said the owner of Michelle's Place, a home decor business on

West. St.
Ozog didn't have to look too far for direction to help her make a young hockey player's dream come true. She asked around and was told to contract Steele.

"That's how I ended up sponsoring this great kid."

In addition to paying for registration, she also took the boy and his mother, a single mom, shopping for equipment "and we

also took the boy and his mother, a single mom, shopping for equipment "and we had a ball," Ozog said in recalling the trip. When the boy got his skates the laces were orange, but the salesman told him he

were orange, but the salesman told nim he could have new white laces to match the rest of his equipment. That's when Ozog, in the true spirt of Christmas giving, began to get back more

than she gave.
"When we got back in the car, this kid said to me, 'You know, Michelle, I didn't mind the orange laces, but you never turn

down something that's offered free."
"What a great kid. I hope he enjoys the season as much as I enjoyed sponsoring him," she said.
Ozog hopes that people with the means

Ozga nopes that people with the means to help the less-fortunate consider sponsoring a child to play minor hockey.

"Money can't buy the smiles that were on his face that day and I'm so grateful that I could afford to do it. At a time when many

businesses aren't doing so well, I'm really fortunate that I can still give something back."

And sponsorship doesn't have to be all or nothing as far as Michelle Ozog is con-

cerned.

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JO ANN SCHAUBEL Staff Photo

West St. business owner Michelle Ozog, centre, is flanked by Port Colborne Minor Hockey Association president Bill Steele, left, and Mayor Vance Badawey as she promotes a program that helps less-fortunate families with equipment and registration costs. People interested in donating can call Steele at 905-834-4483 or by visiting portminorhockey.com.



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CITY COUNCIL: Port Colborne Economic and Tourism Development Corp.

# **Corporation may come under council control**

#### MARK TAYTI Tribune Staff

PORT COLBORNE - City council will meet in the new year to vote on dismantling Port Colborne Economic and Tourism

Development Corp. But not before the corporation's board of directors meets to discuss the same recom-

mendation - again. Truth is, Port Colborne council and the PCETDC board of directors are the same

In the fall of 2007, council decided to become the board. The recommendation now being considered could bring what is legally an arm's-length corporation under

the city's total control. A report titled Future Status of the Port Colborne Economic Tourism Development

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Corporation, surfacing in council chambers Monday night, has been sent back to the PCETDC board for discussion.

The recommendation aired in council Monday is as follows: "That PCETDC be wound down and the

process, functions and responsibilities be amalgamated into a city department rather

than a separate corporation. The new structure and organization would be developed by chief administra-

tive officer Bob Heil and PCETDC general manager Stephen Thompson. The report bad previously been discussed by the board before coming to

lack of attendance at those meetings.

council - but attendance at the board level has not been good. That caused Ward 3 Coun. Bea Kenny to scold some of ber peers Monday for their

Mayor Vance Badawey was in favour of voting on the recommendation Monday night, but Ward 1 Coun. Bill Steele had the

report successfully sent back to the board. Legally, the PCETDC and the Corporation of the City of Port Colborne are two

separate entities. The report notes "an inherent duplicity with this process," because members of council and board members are the same

people. Part of the ongoing discussion involves amalgamating the director of community services, a job formerly assigned to a city employee; and the manager of special events, formerly a position held within the changes would result in an estimated savings of \$20,000 annually, the report said. While at one time the PCETDC operated

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at arm's length from the city, the PCETDC is now under council's control but is not

"legally" a municipal entity. Options stated in the report included the return to an arm's-length entity with a mix of council members and citizen appoin-

With respect to dismantling the PCETDC, the report states "there are more benefits than disadvantages, both in terms of coordination of administration, streamlining and decision and policy making; and responsiveness and accountability to the

Steele moved the report be dealt with by the board in January. He said it is imperative that all members

of the board be in attendance. "This is a buge decision," he added.

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# Port High's talent revealed at recital

#### PAIGE THOMPSON For InPort News

Port Colborne High School's dance class held their semiannual dance recital on Dec. 10. Thursday afternoon, many feeder schools like McKay and Steele Street Elementary schools and other classes from Port High visited the auditorium for the first show. The second show was beld at 7 p.m. for family and friends.

Since class began, students have been choreographing pieces with teacher, Amy Converset. Once the piece was put together, choreographers were assigned students and taught dancers the steps.

Students were working hard for the past week and this semester's recital included a mix of genres including pop. rock, hip hop, and soundtrack hits. A number of songs were newer and well known like Lady Gaga's Bad Romance, or older tunes like Grease's You're the One that I Want. This recital also included pianists, singers and other dancers. The recital was a magnificent show and it was clear the dancers had practiced and worked very hard.

Not only was the show on the stage - students and teachers also made their way down the catwalk to create



Students take a bow after their semiannual recital held at Port Colborne High School Dec. 10.

different moods and scenes which helped showcase student and staff talent



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905-899-1218 or visit www.forksroadunited.com. Winger Church of Christ Disciples 53238 Hwy. 3. W., Wainfleet is hosting a Christmas Eve candlelight service

at 7 n.m.

the Friendship Room at the Wainfleet Arena at 1:30 p.m. for a program of fun and games. For more information contact Elizabeth at 899-4872.

The Wainfleet Fall Fair is in need of volunteers to help keep the fair going. The fair board is looking for adults and children from 12 to 18 years of age to assist with the fair's numerous committees. Contact by e-mail at wain-fleet fair@gmail.com for more information or join the fair board at its annual meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Forks United Church

Jan. 21
The Port Colborne Horticultural Society will be holding its monthly meeting at the Senior's Centre. Just in time to bring some sunshine and warmth into the cold winter, will be the group's guest special Yvon Doucet who will speaking on orchids. Light refreshments will be available and remember, bring a friend.



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Karen Schmidt, staff representative of the Business Education Council presents Reach Out Centre site supervisor Sarah Eller and development officer Pam Swick Janiac with a \$450 cheque from staff payroll deductions plus mittens, gloves, scarves and socks for clients.

#### SCHOLARSHIP

# Giving the gift of hockey

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"Maybe two or three businesses could et together and sponsor someone. Every little bit will help, and you can't put a dollar value on that.

Steele doesn't know how long the community has been able to help children play minor hockey with their donations. but it has been ongoing for years.

"I know it was around long before I become president," said Steele, who became head of the all-volunteer organization nine years ago.

Given the "sensitive nature" of the program - "Nobody wants to come out and say they need help, which is perfectly understandable," he said — the hockey helpers giving Santa a hand work do their stickhandling behind the scenes. "It's mostly word-of-mouth, but we try

to help as many kids as we can and the community's been great," Steele said. Canadian Tire has been especially supportive of the program. Through the nationwide chain's Jumpstart, children age four to 18 can take part

in organized sports and recreation to help them develop self-esteem and confidence - not to mention to have fun "They have great supporters over the

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Bill Steele, Port Colborne Minor Hockey Associa-

years," Steele said of Canadian Tire store

in Port Colborne. To date, there are 279 Canadian Tire Jumpstart chapters in communities across the country. Since its launch in February 2005, Jumpstart has helped give

more than 176,546 children in financial need the chance to play. Overall, Port Colborne Minor Hockey is managing to sustain a high level of registration, despite the had economy

"We're still holding our own. When I took over (as president) we had about 300 players. Right now, we're around 400," he said vesterday.

For more information on helping a child play minor hockey in Port Colborne, contact Bill Steele at 905-834-4483 or visit the Port Colborne Minor Hockey Association online at portminorhockey.com.

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